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Dear Mr. Felker-Kantor:

This letter is to respond to your request, dated August 4, 2012, and received by the Los Angeles Police Department ("Department") Discovery Section on August 6, 2012, for records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Cal. Govt. Code Section 6250, *et seq.*, hereafter "CPRA" or "Act."). While your request was directed to the Department, it appears that the executive office of the Board of Police Commissioners ("Commission") is also in possession of certain responsive documents. Therefore, please treat this letter as the response of both the Department and the Commission.

The Police Department and the Commission are cognizant of their responsibilities under the Act. They recognize that the statutory scheme was enacted in order to maximize citizen access to the workings of government. However, the Act does not mandate the disclosure of all documents within the government's possession. Rather, by specific exemption and reference to other statutes, the Act recognizes that there are boundaries where the public's right to access must be balanced against such weighty considerations as the right of privacy, a right of constitutional dimension under California Constitution, Article 1, Section 1. The law also exempts from disclosure records that are privileged or confidential or otherwise exempt under either express provisions of the CPRA or pursuant to applicable federal or state law.

Specifically, your request seeks the following:

Materials relating to the Office of the Chief of Police under Chief William Parker, Chief Edward Davis, and Chief Daryl Gates between the years (1965 and 1992) including inter-departmental correspondence, meeting minutes, and policy directives. These materials are in Records Groups PDX, PDX/80, PDX/82, PDX/98 and PDC.

Notwithstanding the above, both the Department and Commission desire to provide the greatest degree of access to the documents in question as is reasonably possible, and legally permissible. In that regard, the boxes will be made available for your inspection immediately following a review of each box's contents by the Department, to identify any records (or information) over which an exemption would lawfully apply. As each box review is concluded, you will be notified of its availability. It is estimated that staff assigned to perform this task, in addition to their other assigned duties and responsibilities, will make every effort to complete 1-2 box reviews per week. Please note that more boxes may be available per week, depending on the overall nature of the documents contained therein.

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Copies of any record shall be made following payment of the direct cost of duplication. Please note that only checks or money orders are processed at the counter. Make your check/money order payable to the LAPD. You may pick up the documents during the hours and location listed below:

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, excluding holidays

Location: LAPD – Discovery Section
201 N. Los Angeles St., Space 301
Los Angeles, CA 90012

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact Senior Management Analyst Greg Toyama of the Discovery Section at (213) 978-2178.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police



MARTIN BLAND, Senior Management Analyst
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cc: Richard Tefank, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Commission

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